

PARISH OF ST. JOHN HENRY NEWMAN MORECAMBE

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SUNDAY 26TH JUNE
13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

GOSPEL REFLECTION: Today's Gospel reading begins a long section unique to Luke's Gospel. Jesus begins his journey to Jerusalem, which will end with his ministry in Jerusalem. We read that Jesus' days for being "taken up" were fulfilled. The Greek word that Luke uses for "taken up" is the same word he uses to describe the Ascension. We also read that Jesus is determined to journey to Jerusalem. For Luke, Jesus ministry begins in Galilee and then is one long journey to Jerusalem. In Jerusalem he will meet his death but also enter into his glory. Only in Luke does Jesus then spend 40 days in Jerusalem instructing his disciples. It is in Jerusalem that his disciples wait after his Ascension to be sent the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. And it is from Jerusalem, in Luke's second volume, the Acts of the Apostles, that the Good News is spread to Rome and the ends of the earth.

Immediately Jesus is met with rejection, as a Samaritan village will not receive him because he is going to Jerusalem. There was animosity between Samaritans who worshiped on Mount Gerazim and Jews who worshiped in Jerusalem. Jesus was also rejected as he began his ministry in Galilee in Chapter 4. And he will be rejected for the last time when he reaches Jerusalem. James and John want to call down fire from heaven to destroy the people in the village, but Jesus rebukes them and moves on. There is often the temptation to use violence to achieve right. Jesus has come to break this temptation. He is aware that he must undergo violence himself before he can enter his glory. The rest of today's reading is about the radical demands of discipleship. The three people who volunteer to become disciples on this journey show that they do not understand the demands Jesus will make of them. Neither care of self, care for the dead, nor care of one's family (as required by the Fourth Commandment) can come before the demands of discipleship. Jesus reminds the first volunteer, who would go wherever Jesus goes, that animals in the wild have more security than do Jesus and his followers. The second, who wants to bury a parent, is reminded that the demands of proclaiming the Kingdom of God take precedence. And the third, who wants to say farewell to his family, is reminded that once you put your hand to the plow you cannot look back or the furrow will be crooked. Such a person is not ready for the Kingdom of God. Jesus seems harsh here, but he is only asking of his disciples what he asks of himself. Jesus' unconditional commitment to God's saving work will demand of him his life. He knows this, but the disciples do not understand. Jesus does not want anyone to rush into discipleship, because the demands of discipleship require everyone considering it to be aware of the cost, make Jesus and his mission central to his life, and then go forward without looking back.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	St Mary's	10am	Sherly Kenny
Saturday	St Patrick's	6pm	Lucy Special Intention
Sunday	St Mary's	8.30am	Tony Noble RIP
	St Mary's	10.30 am	Baby Roman Aaron Paul Ryan RIP
Tuesday St Peter & Paul	St Patrick's Vigil mass	7.00pm	Marian Tillotson RIP
Wednesday St Peter & Paul	St Mary's	10.00am	Speedy Recovery
Thursday	St Mary's	12.10pm	Mrs Carter
Friday	St Patrick's	10.00am	Rosie Banks
Saturday	St Mary's	10.00 am	Maureen Tipper RIP.
	St Patrick's	6.00 pm	Mary Gurr
Sunday	St Mary's	8.30 am	Hoey Family
	St Mary's	10.30 am	Julie Mcann

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION:

Saturdays St Mary's, **10:30 – 11am**

St Patrick's, **5.15pm to 5.45pm**

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: Each Thursday 11:30am till 12 noon followed by the 12:10pm Mass.

THIS WEEK: Wednesday 29th June; Solemnity of the Feast of Sts. Peter and Paul. Holy Day of Obligation. Please note mass times.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Collette Rowan, Joan Hunt, Fr Peter Chapple, Rev Jim Murphy, Julie McCann, Winnie Coupe, Vincent Murray, Zoe Jarman, Mary Bland, Alan Anderson, Karen Guerrero, Win Cowell and the sick and housebound in the parish and those in local hospitals and nursing homes.

1ST ANNIVERSARIES: Please pray for Stanley Wilson and those whose 1st anniversaries occur between 26th June and 2nd July and all those names on the anniversaries list for June and July which are on the noticeboards in each church porch.

LATELY DEAD: Margaret Murphy, Shelia Daily William Joseph O'Leary (Liam)

FUNERALS: **Margaret Murphy** Funeral service Thursday 30th June 10am St Mary's. **William Joseph O'Leary** Funeral service Thursday 30th June 2:30pm St Mary's. Shelia Daily Lancaster & Morecambe Crematorium, Tuesday 5th July 2:30pm.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JUNE: We pray for Christian families around the world; may they embody and experience unconditional love and advance in holiness in their daily lives

WEEKLY COLLECTION: £969.31 and average via standing order £372 = £1,341.31

ATTENDANCE: St Patrick's 82, St Mary's 8:30am 68, St Mary's 10:30am 280, Total 430

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SPECIAL COLLECTION TODAY: Peter's Pence

PARISH NEWS:

CONGRATULATIONS: to Wynter-Daisy Charlotte Gardner, who was baptised last Sunday at St Patrick's. Also, to all our young people who made their first Holy Communion last weekend, please keep them all in your prayers.

TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PARISH OF ST JOHN HENRY NEWMAN:

Back on the 1st December 2012 the parish of St John Henry Newman was created. Therefore this December is the 10th anniversary of our parish. To celebrate the 10th anniversary we will be having a parish three course meal at Heysham Golf Club, on Friday 9th December 2022, gathering at 7pm to sit down at 7:30pm. The three-course meal will cost £20 per person, which is exceptional value in the current climate that we are experiencing. This is a great opportunity to celebrate together as a parish and I would really encourage people to participate in this event. For people on low incomes and families who wish to attend but may be over stretched in affording this please see Fr Darren who will find funds to make it possible to attend. There are sign up sheets at the back of church for people to register their interest in attending. Tickets will be available soon.

WEEKLY COLLECTION: Previously the average weekly payments direct into the bank was £250.00 per week, this has now increased to £372.00. This is due to more people, since the end of the financial year, choosing to pay direct into the parish account. Currently there are around 30 people still using the gift aid envelopes and around 20 people using the none gift aid envelopes. There was a bit of confusion when the financial year first started as people who required gift aid envelopes had not requested them. As far as I am aware this has now been sorted out.

ST MARY'S PARISH HALL: At the present time the parish hall is costing more money to run than we are receiving from groups and party hire. If you are thinking of having a party or know of any groups looking for somewhere to meet, please think about using the parish hall.

POLISH FAMILIES: If any families are currently attending the Polish Mass and wish to have your child baptised either at St Mary's or St Patrick's you must have spoken to Fr Richard and obtained his permission. Fr Richard will contact me with the details of any permissions he has given.

SISTER JUSTYNA: went away earlier this week on annual leave and will return to the parish on the 9th August. While Sr Justyna is away, please contact Fr Darren for anything you would normally contact Sr Justyna for.

MISSIONARY SISTERS OF CHRIST THE KING: It is with great sadness that we announce that Sr Malgorzata will be leaving us to relocate to London to enable her to carry out

her duties more fully at the Delegate Superior of the British Delegation of Missionary Sisters of Christ the King for Polish Immigrants. Her appointment will begin at the start of September. We take this opportunity to thank her for seven years of service in our parish and wish her well for the future. Sr Malgorzata will be replaced by Sr Helena Kozak as Sister Superior who may be known to some of you as she has worked in the parish before.

MISSION BOXES: The APF red boxes are due to be emptied and the contents and contributions need to be given to us (telephone 823818) or left with Fr Darren by Sunday 26th June (**THIS WEEKEND**) at the latest. Please ensure that each contribution is clearly identified with the giver's or collector's name. Many thanks, Eddie and Mavis Kingsley.

WINDOWS IN THE PARISH HALL AND PRESBYTERY: Work will begin on the fitting of the windows week commencing 4th July. The doors for St Patrick's and the parish hall are still being made and will be fitted once they are ready.

DISABLED ACCESS ST MARY'S: You will notice that we have painted a yellow hatched area outside the disabled access to Church. Could we please ask that people refrain from parking here to allow easy access for people using wheelchairs and other mobility aids. There will be some further yellow lines being painted to the lefthand side of the disabled door leading to the parish hall car park, as when people park in this area, they are preventing other cars from reaching the parish hall car park.

FINAL WEEK OF EXAMS: Please keep in your prayers all young people from our parish and in our schools who are sitting their final week of exams.

EVENTS:

CUPPA AND CHAT: Monday 27th June, St Patrick's 10:30 - 12 noon. All welcome.

BEREAVEMENT GROUP: Monday 18th July, St Mary's 1:30pm - 3pm. All welcome.

OTHER NEWS: DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LADYWELL: The pilgrimage takes place on Saturday 9th July 2022. This begins with Holy Mass at St Mary's, Fernyhalgh at 11am followed by a Blessed Sacrament Procession down the lanes to Ladywell for Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. The Bishop would like as many servers as possible from around the Diocese to join the Pilgrimage and walk together in the procession. Following the procession there will be a barbeque for all servers in the grounds, prepared by Catholic Scouts from Preston.

PRIESTHOOD FOR OLDER MEN: Beda Discernment Weekend for men aged 30 to 55 will take place at St Beuno's in North Wales from September Fri 2nd - Sun 4th. Visit: <https://www.pathwaystogod.org/courses-events-retreats/discernment-weekend-older-men-2>

FROM CASTLERIGG: Diocesan Youth Training Centre are still looking for a few more gap year volunteers and also a Programme Leader - a 2-year paid post. Info: <http://castleriggmanor.com/join-the-team/>

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SUNDAY MASS: During Covid our obligation to attend Sunday Mass was suspended. This obligation has been reintroduced to attend Mass in person unless precluded by a serious reason.